(Rs. in crores)

	Name of the tax	Budget Estimates for the year 1995-96	Amount outstanding (as on 31.12.95)
1.	Income tax (including Corporation tax)	29,000.00	23095.00 (Prov.)
2.	Central Excise	42,579.20	3028.38 (Prov.)
3.	Customs duty	29,500.00	150.97 (Prov.)

(c) and (d) Field formations have been directed to take necessary administrative and legal measures envisaged under the statutes to recover the outstanding dues. Concerned courts are also requested for early hearings and vacation of stay orders.

Increasing External Debt

*5. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently admitted that it had a large and increasing external debt which is causing concern for the economy as reported in Statesman dated 23.12.95;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any corrective measures to get out from this external debt; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has expressed concern about the increasing size of external debt in the White Paper Titled "India's External Debt-A Status Report". India's external debt rose to $99.0 billion on March 31, 1995. However, by September 30, 1995 external debt had declined by $5.2 billion to $93.8 billion.

(c) and (d) Government has been following a debt management strategy aimed at reducing the debt service ratio to comfortable levels. This includes measures to promote the growth of exports and other current receipts, reduce the growth of total debt, reduce the growth of expensive and short-term components of debt, and to encourage, non-debt creating inflows such as foreign investment.

Credit facilities to New Borrowers by SBI

*6. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3397 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th April, 1995, and state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the inordinate delay of more than one year in sanctioning loans by Delhi Local Head Office of State Bank of India after completion of all formalities by the new prospective borrowers;

(b) the number of cases initiated in 1994, with date of receipt of application, date of sanctioning and date of release of funds in each case;

(c) the number of cases out of those initiated in 1994 where sanction has been accorded but funds have not been released and the reasons therefor; and